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6. RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND THE PRC
SUHARTO OBSERVED THAT THE BANNING OF THE INDONESIAN
COMMUNIST PARTY IN 1965 WAS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR AND DID
NOT PREVENT FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST OR COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND NON- INTERFERENCE
IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ON THE SUBJECT OF CHINA,
HE SAID " EVEN WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, WHICH
EANIFESTLY SUPPORTED THE PKI REBELLION, WE ARE WILLING
TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, PROVIDED THEY GENUINELY
DEMONSTRATE A FRIENDLY AND NON- HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARD
US, AND CEASE TO RENDER ASSISTANCE AND FACILITIES TO

FORMER PKI LEADERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE REBELLION."

7. FOREIGN AID. SUHARTO SAID AID FROM FIRENDLY COUNTRCES
IS ESSENTIAL TO INDONESIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
DENIED THAT IT IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH ITS " FREE AND ACTIVE"
AND NON- ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY. THE GOVERNMENT WILL
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CONTINUE TO SEEK AID, HE SAID, WITHOUT MAKING DISTINCTIONS
BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT NO

STRINGS WILL BE ATTACHED, THAT THE AID IS GIVEN ON THE GROUNDS OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND NON- INVOLVEMENT IN INDONESIA' S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, THAT CONDITIONS OF REPAYMENT ARE SUFFICIENTLY LENIENT, AND THAT THE AID IS BASED ON NEEDS DETERMINED BY INDONESIA ITSELF. HE SAID INDONESIA WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE AID FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE SAME TERMS AS THOSE GIVEN BY THE IGGI DONORS.

8. GOVERFAENT REFORMS. THE PRESIDENT DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN HIS SPEECH TO THE NEED FOR IMPROVED GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE. HE SAID THE NEW ORDER HAS MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN REPAIRING DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS INFLICTED BY MISMANAGEMENT AND POLITICAL ABUSE DURING THE SUKARNO ERA. AS EXAMPLES OF PROGRESS HE NOTED IMPROVED TAX COLLECTION AND BUDGETARY CONTROLS, AND REORGANIZATION OF STATE ENTERPRISES. BUT, HE SAID, MAJOR EFFORTS ARE STILL NEEDED TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE STATE APPARATUS. HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR BETTER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND INSTITUTIONS AND SAID OFFICIALS SHOULD SUBMIT REPORTS WHICH ARE HONEST AND OBJECTIVE, RATHER THAN TRYING TO PLEASE THEIR SUPERIORS. HE ALSO SAID MORE VIGOROUS ACTION IS NEEDED AGAINST THOSE WHO ABUSE THEIR POSITIONS, AND THAT EXTRAVAGANCE AND LUXURIOUS LIVING BY CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH DEVELOPMENT. SIMPLICITY AND DILIGENCE ARE THE STANDARDS TO BE FOLLOWED, HE SAID.

9. INTERNAL SECURITY. THE PRESIDENT GAVE AN EXTREMELY DETAILED ACCOUNT OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES SINCE 1966 AND SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH GREAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE, THE THREAT FROM PKI " REMNANTS", WHICH CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM ABROAD, REMAINS AND MUST BE VIGILANTLY GUARDED AGAINST. HE SAID 80,000 FORMER PKI DETAINEES IN THE " CLASS C" CATEGORY HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO SOCIETY, BUT THAT THERE ARE 13,117 " CLASS B" PRISONERS WHO CANNOT BE SAFELY RELEASED UNTIL THEIR ATTITUDES CHANGE. THE REMAINING 2000 PRISONERS, OF THE CLASS A CATEGORY, ARE GRADUALLY BEING BROUGHT TO TRIAL, HE ADDED.

10. THE ROLE OF THE ARMED FORCES. THE PRESIDENT CRITICIZED
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ELEMENTS WHO CLAIM THAT THE ARMED FORCES ARE EXPLOITING THE THREAT OF COMMUNISM AND SUBVERSION TO PERPETUATE THEIR POWER. THESE VOICES ARE NAIVE OR SUBJECT TO PKI INFLUENCE, HE SAID, STRESSING THAT THE ARMED FORCES DO NOT SEEK POWER FOR THEIR OWN SAKE AND ARE DEVOTED TO THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE AND THE GOAL OF A JUST AND PROSPEROUS SOCIETY BASED ON THE PANCASILA. HE NOTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE ARMED FORCES RECEIVE ONLY 3 PCT OF THE GOVERNMENT' S DEVELOPMENT BUDGET. NEVERTHELESS, HE ADDED, SUCH CRITICISM SHOULD SERVE AS A CHAL-

LENCE TO THE ARMED FORCES TO CLEANSE AND REORDER THEIR RANKS AND THAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN AGAINST MILITARY ELEMENTS WHICH BEHAVE IRRESPONSIBLY.

11. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SUHARTO SAID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR POLICY OBJECTIVE. HE PRAISED THE RECORD OF THE NEW ORDER IN RESTORING ECONOMIC STABILITY AND INCREASING PRODUCTION UNDER THE FIRST FIVE YEAR PLAN, NOTING THAT THE ECONOMY IS GROWING AT A RATE OF 7 PCT A YEAR. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING LAST YEAR'S RICE SHORTAGE, HE SAID THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERALL INCREASE IN FOOD PRODUCTION, AS WELL AS INCREASED GROWTH IN THE MINING, PLANTATION AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS. HE OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT DEVELOPMENT HAS ONLY BEGUN, AND THAT GROWTH ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH TO ENSURE SOCIAL JUSTICE. WHAT IS NEEDED, HE SAID, IS A SYSTEM IN WHICH THE " BENEFITS AS WELL AS THE BURDENS" OF GROWTH ARE SHARED. A " JUST AND PROSPEROUS SOCIETY ," HE SAID, WILL ALSO REQUIRE A FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME TO ALL AREAS OF THE NATION, AND IN THIS RESPECT, HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR INCREASED TRANSMIGRATION.

12. IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS, THE PRESIDENT GAVE CREDIT TO THE INDONESIAN PEOPLE FOR THE SUCCESSES ACHIEVED DURING RECENT YEARS AND SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S DEFICIENCIES AND FAILURES DURING THIS PERIOD WERE HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY. END UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID BEFORE BY HIM OR OTHER GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN. BLAND IN TONE, ITS MOST CRITICAL COMMENTS ARE MUFFLED IN QUALIFICATIONS AND ELLIPTICAL PHRASING. IN SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE MPR SESSION, SUHARTO 'S SPEECH APPEARS TO CONFIRM THE WIDELY- HELD VIEW THAT THIS SESSION WILL BE MAINLY A RITUALISTIC EXERCISE DESIGNED TO GIVE LEGITIMACY AND FORMAL CONSENSUS TO POLICIES ALREADY ADOPTED. END CONFIDENTIAL GALBRAITH

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